

AN ORDINANCE BY COUNCILMEMBER MARY NORWOOD

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AN ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE A REGISTRATION PROCESS FOR VACANT PROPERTY; TO WAIVE CONFLICTING ORDINANCES: AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**WHEREAS**, vacant and abandoned buildings increase the danger of fire within such buildings and recently caused the death of firefighter Steven Solomon; and

**WHEREAS**, vacant and abandoned buildings can become persistent nuisances that contribute to blight in the City of Atlanta; and

**WHEREAS**, vacant and abandoned buildings reduce the economic value of surrounding properties; and

**WHEREAS**, vacant and abandoned buildings reduce the tax base for City of Atlanta; and

**WHEREAS**, vacant and abandoned buildings are often used in connection with criminal activities; and

**WHEREAS**, vacant and abandoned buildings can create health and environmental safety hazards; and

**WHEREAS**, vacant and abandoned buildings create an added expense for the City of Atlanta in fire, police, and code enforcement services;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1:** All buildings vacant for a period of more than 90-days shall be registered by the owner with the City of Atlanta along with the submission of a Vacant Building Plan to include a time schedule of completion for repair, rehabilitation, or demolition of buildings or structures identified as being or containing a nuisance.

**Section 2:** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby waived.